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Agriculture	<h2>History > Kentucky</h2> <p>Contributor -- This page is up for adoption.</p> <hr/> <p>Camp Breckinridge Museum and Arts Center This is a new museum in Union County in Western Kentucky. The news button has a virtual tour of the facility and the murals button has pictures of the murals painted by a German prisoner-of-war interned at the camp. The news stories about the dedication ceremony do carry some historical information like the fact that German prisoners-of-war and some Italian POWs were interned at Camp Breckinridge during World War II. Several other military installations in the United States were POW camps for Allied prisoners from Europe and Africa.</p> <p>Civil War in Kentucky A website devoted to the history of the Civil War in Kentucky. This site provides a bibliography of books and articles as well as a time line of events in Kentucky and links to other sites.</p> <p>Filson Club Historical Society The Filson Club has the distinction of being the oldest historical society in the state of Kentucky. This is their official website.</p>
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